

WE CLAIM:

1. A solid detergent composition comprising:
 - (a) an effective deterative amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant;
 - (b) an effective amount of an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal salt or a mixture thereof;
 - (c) an effective deterative amount of an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant;
 - (d) an effective deterative amount of a nonionic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant or salt thereof, or a mixture thereof; and
 - (e) about 1 to 75 wt-% of a hardening agent;

wherein the above components are dispersed to form a matrix which hardens to a solid block.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the hardening agent is a polyethylene glycol.
3. The composition of claim 2, having about 3 to 15 wt-% of a polyethylene glycol.
4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a molecular weight of from about 1450 to about 20,000.
5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the hardening agent is an inorganic salt.
6. The composition of claim 5, wherein the inorganic hardening agent is an acetate salt.
7. The composition of claim 1, wherein the hardening agent is a mixture of a polyethylene glycol and an inorganic salt.
8. The composition of claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant comprises an organic sulfonate surfactant and/or an organic sulfate surfactant.
9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of an alkylsulfonate, alkylarylsulfonate, sulfonated fatty acid ester, sulfated alcohol, sulfated alcohol ethoxylate, sulfated alkylphenol, alkyl sulfate, dialkylsulfosuccinate, alkylethersulfate, and mixtures thereof.

10. The composition of claim 1, wherein component (b) is a mixture of an alkali metal salt and an alkaline earth metal salt.
11. The composition of claim 10, wherein the alkali metal is sodium and the alkaline earth metal is magnesium.
12. The composition of claim 11, wherein the sodium and magnesium are present in a molar ratio of about 3:1 to 1:1.
13. The composition of claim 12, wherein the molar ratio of sodium to magnesium is about 2:1.
14. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkyl polyglycoside is laurylpolyglucoside.
15. The composition of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant of component (d) is a polyhydroxy fatty acid amide.
16. The composition of claim 15, wherein the nonionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of lauric monethanol amide, cocomonethanol amide, and a mixture thereof.
17. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amphoteric surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a β -N-alkylaminopropionic acid, N-alkyl- β -iminodipropionic acid, imidazoline carboxylate, N-alkylbetaine, N-alkylamidoalkylbetaine, sultaine, and a mixture thereof.
18. The composition of claim 17, wherein the amphoteric surfactant is cocoamidopropylbetaine.
19. A solid detergent composition according to claim 1, having a penetrometer value between about 3 and about 80.
20. The composition of claim 1, which further comprises a chelating agent.
21. The composition of claim 1, which further comprises a defoaming agent.
22. The composition of claim 1, which further comprises an anti-redeposition agent.
23. An aqueous detergent composition comprising a solid detergent composition according to claim 1 in water, wherein the aqueous detergent exhibits a high foam profile and greasy soil removing capacity.

24. A solid detergent composition comprising:

(a) about 1 to 95 wt-% of a neutralized anionic surfactant comprising an organic sulfate surfactant or mixture of surfactants;

(b) an effective amount of an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal salt or a mixture thereof;

(c) about 0.1 to 15 wt% of an alkyl polyglycoside;

(d) about 1 to 30 wt% of a nonionic foam stabilizing surfactant; and

(e) about 3 to 75 wt% of a polyethylene glycol hardening agent.